

Generation and Transmission Companies and all concerned, were advised to take requisite steps to maintain safety and security of the Regional Grid. The matter was also discussed in the Power Minister's Conference presided by Hon'ble Union Minister of Power in New Delhi on 16th November, 2006.

Power plant in Chhattisgarh by NTPC

1282. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is planning to set up a large power plant in Pusore block of Raigarh district in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) the power projects that are to be set up in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh along with the name of the promoter, size of the plants and by when these plants will commence commercial operations?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) NTPC Ltd. has planned to take up a large pit head integrated thermal power project of 4000 MW (5x800MW) capacity near Lara in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh. The project is envisaged for benefits during Twelfth Five Year Plan.

(b) As per the MoU signed between Government of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board and the investor, the following power projects are to be set up in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh, in addition to the project of NTPC Ltd:

Sl. No.	Name of Project/Investor	MoU signed on	Capacity in MW	Present status
1.	Raigarh Thermal Power Station by M/s Jindal Power Ltd., New Delhi	21.05.2001	1000	Under construction. Benefits from the project are expected during Tenth Five Year Plan.
2.	Proposed Thermal Power Station by M/s AES(India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	03.03.2006	1000 to 2000	Site identified near village Deogarh in Raigarh. Benefits from the project are expected during Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Implementation of RGGVY

1283. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) had been introduced during the year 2005;

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(b) if so, the details thereof including the total grant sought, grant sanctioned and the status of the above scheme as on date, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether the competent Authority of Kerala during August 2006, submitted for permission to implement the RGGVY on normal contract basis and permission for the present distribution system instead of introducing franchise system;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) envisages electrification of un-electrified villages/habitations and providing access to electricity to all rural households in the country by 2009.

The salient features of RGGVY are given as under:

- The scheme aims at providing Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) at the block level, creation of village electrification infrastructure and providing connections to rural households that are below poverty line.
- Rs. 5000 crore has been approved as capital subsidy during Tenth Plan period for implementation of Phase-I of the Programme.
- Ninety per cent capital subsidy would be provided for overall cost of the projects under the scheme.
- States must make adequate arrangements for supply of electricity and there should be no discrimination in the hours of supply between rural and urban households.
- To avail assistance under the scheme, prior commitment of the State is to be obtained for:—
 - deployment of franchises for the management of rural distribution in projects financed under the scheme, and
 - the provision of requisite revenue subsidies to the State Utilities as required under the Electricity Act, 2003.

- Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) is the nodal agency for implementing RGGVY.
- The scheme shall be executed through turnkey contracts.
- The implementing States so far have reported electrification of 21,665 un-electrified villages and release of 2.16 lakh rural household connections including 1.76 lakh BPL connections. State-wise details of villages, household electrification and amount disbursed under RGGVY are given at Statement (See below).

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) had requested REC for permission to execute the projects departmentally as against execution on turnkey basis and also to exempt Kerala from introducing franchise system.

In a meeting convened to resolve the issues, Kerala Government, REC & Ministry of Power agreed that—

(a) Since franchising was mandatory under RGGVY and is part of tripartite agreement KSEB has to implement franchise system which was agreed to by KSEB;

(b) The service of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for preparation of fresh DPR and implementation of RGGVY in one or two districts of Kerala shall be availed by KSEB.

(c) KSEB shall award project to lowest bidder in Idduki district on turnkey basis.

Statement

State-wise Status of Village/Household Electrification and Amount Disbursed under RGGVY

(as on 24.11.2006)

Sl. No.	State	No. of Un-electrified villages	No. of Rural Households Electrified (including BPL)	No. of BPL Rural Households Electrified	Amount Disbursed in Rs. Crore
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh				19.8
2.	Arunachal Pradesh				

1	2	3	4	5	6
3. Assam					
4. Bihar		3371	11055	3211	427.691
5. Chhattisgarh					15.97
6. Gujarat					7.27
7. Haryana					12.33
8. Himachal Pradesh					
9. J&K					
10. Jharkhand					3.5
11. Karnataka		47	85431	57866	84.184
12. Kerala					
13. M.P.					104.66
14. Maharashtra					
15. Manipur					
16. Meghalaya					
17. Mizoram					
18. Nagaland					
19. Orissa					3.5
20. Rajasthan		466	3669	1186	
21. Sikkim					
22. Tamil Nadu					
23. Tripura					
24. Uttar Pradesh		16250	97952	97607	1305.39
25. Uttaranchal		365	6247	6247	106.58
26. West Bengal		1166	12090	10767	176.03
TOTAL:		21665	216444	176884	2427.78

Mauda Thermal Power Project

†1284. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the severe power crisis in Vidarbha area of Maharashtra, Mauda Thermal Power Project would be implemented soon;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.